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# THIS LOOKS GOOD

A SPLENDID LONG-TIME PROGRAM

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The agricultural conference committee of Jefferson County, N. Y., has just published a long-time program in a report called "Improve Your Agriculture." This committee of farmers and other business men was selected to represent all the important groups interested in the development of Jefferson County agriculture. They worked hand in hand with the county agent and with the New York Extension Service. They made a thorough study of the actual farm situation, including present farm organization systems and incomes. They also studied the present economic situation and the trends as these may affect the farming of their county. This report represents the most recent information and the best thought of a group of men who have a thorough understanding of agricultural conditions in Jefferson County.

The report, which is well illustrated, covers 25 printed pages. Each of the major farm activities in the county is considered, and for each of these the report presents a splendid review of the situation, followed by a program of adjustments. These include the recommended changes, which constitute the long-time program. The committee did a good job. They developed a splendid program and put out a fine report.

The report begins with the statement: "The most constant factor in agriculture is the constancy of change. This is no less true of the agriculture of the older States such as New York, than of the newest farming regions."

The report closes with the statement: "In order to increase the financial returns of the farmers changes must be made that will bring farm organization into closer adjustment to present economic conditions."

In these statements we have the alpha and omega of the need for the long-time program. Without such a program or agricultural policy there is bound to be a lot of groping in the effort to help the farmer. Extension work can not be thoroughly effective in helping the farmer to increase his income as a whole until such programs are developed. Of course they must be based on a comprehensive study of all the available facts which bear on the local farm situation as well as on the economic situations and conditions which may affect the farming of a county. That is why this committee got out such a sound program.

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